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**CLAIMS**

1. A method of extracting materials from a producing subterranean zone in a wellbore, at least a portion of the wellbore including a casing, comprising:  
positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore;  
fluidicly coupling the primary solid tubulars with the casing;  
positioning one or more slotted tubulars within the wellbore, the slotted tubulars traversing the producing subterranean zone;  
plastically deforming at least some of the tubulars within the wellbore;  
fluidicly coupling the slotted tubulars with the solid tubulars;  
fluidicly isolating the producing subterranean zone from at least one other subterranean zone within the wellbore;  
fluidicly coupling at least one of the slotted tubulars from the producing subterranean zone;  
overlapping at least some of the tubulars with other tubulars; and  
wherein the inside diameters of the non-overlapping portions of the overlapping tubulars are substantially equal.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising controllably fluidicly decoupling at least one of the slotted tubulars from at least one other of the slotted tubulars.
3. A method as claimed in any of the preceding claims, further comprising placing a seal at an interface between the one or more primary solid tubulars and the one or more slotted tubulars.
4. A method as claimed in claim 3, the seal comprising a compressible annular body.
5. A method as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein at least one of the one or more primary solid tubulars comprises a thin - wall end portion.